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(57) Abstract: The invention describes method and a system to measure benefits associated with the sharing of knowledge in a plurality of hierarchical knowledge sharing communities. The 5 measurements are based on assessments provided by the members of the community and the usage of the assets and are an index of the benefits arising from the knowledge shared within, and the knowledge contributed to and derived from the members of, the community, at individual and collective levels. The invention also describes a hierarchical arrangement of the knowledge assets and the members in various knowledge sharing communities as well as an incentivisation scheme for the members.

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